

Introduced by Senator Escutia

February 22, 2005

An act relating to curriculum.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 624, as introduced, Escutia. Middle School Achievement Pilot Program.

Existing law provides the adopted course of study for kindergarten and grades 1 to 12, inclusive, and requires a school district to offer instruction on a variety of subjects.

This bill would provide the intent of the Legislature to enact the Middle School Achievement Pilot Program, as specified.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the
2 following.
3 (a) Educational leaders have noted the importance of
4 implementing change that adds focus and rigor to middle school
5 curricula.
6 (b) The premise that all pupils can succeed underscores the
7 need to provide more academic support to middle school pupils.
8 (c) With a combination of academic rigor, professional
9 development, and the assessment of pupils, pupils gain the skills
10 to succeed.
11 (d) In today's competitive job market, critical thinking,
12 reading, and writing skills are imperative.

- 1 SEC. 2. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact the Middle
2 School Achievement Pilot Program, which shall include the
3 implementation of all of the following elements:
- 4 (a) A systematic, seamless, and rigorous curriculum in
5 selected middle and high schools to prepare pupils for success in
6 postsecondary educational institutions.
- 7 (b) Academic content, web-based diagnostic assessment, and
8 training programs to enhance instruction.
- 9 (c) A comprehensive and integrated program of professional
10 development, instructional resources, diagnostic assessments,
11 model instructional units, and other activities to strengthen the
12 academic and technical skills of participating pupils.